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SUMMARY. WITHOUT REFERRING TO US BY NAME,
SOVIETS ATTACKED "INDIVIDUAL VERBAL EXCURSIONS" AT OCTOBER 12
MORNING PLENARY. CERTAIN DELS, THEY SAID IN WHAT WAS
CLEARLY ALLUSION TO US REP'S SPEECH OCTOBER 11, ARE
TAKING DIVISIVE, CONFRONTATIONAL LINE THAT COULD LEAD
BELGRADE MEETING INTO FUTILE POLEMICS. POLES AND
HUNGARIANS ALSO DELIVERED OBLIQUE CRITICISMS OF WESTERN
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HUMAN RIGHTS INTEREST. MOST OF SESSION, HOWEVER,
WAS DEVOTED TO BASKET TWO DEBATE. US REP (SHERER)
OUTLINED US BASKET TWO INTERESTS. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET REP (VORONTSOV) PREFACED EXPOSITION OF
SOVIET BASKET TWO POSITIONS WITH FOLLOWING REMARKS
OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AT STATEMENT BY US REP (HUGHES) PREVIOUS

DAY THAT HAD CRITICIZED SOVIETS AND CZECHS BY NAME FOR MAIL DELIVERY FAILURES: SOVIET DEL CAME TO BELGRADE FOR BUSINESS-LIKE DISCUSSIONS AND NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT GREAT MAJORITY OF DELS APPEAR TO HAVE SAME OBJECTIVES. SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN FURTHER DETAILED DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS AIMED AT MAKING DETENTE LASTING AND COMPLEMENTING POLITICAL DETENTE AND FURTHER ECONOMIC COOPERATION. INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS DEVOID OF SUBSTANCE AND AIMED AT PROPAGANDA ARE EVEN MORE STRIKING, SINCE GREAT MAJORITY OF DELS HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE. SOVIETS WOULD NOT LIKE TO THINK THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WERE INTENDED TO DIVERT MEETING AND TURN BELGRADE INTO ARENA FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. SOVIETS ARE CONFIDENT THAT OTHER DELS WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. SOVIET REP ASKED RHETORICALLY, WHAT CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE IS SERVED BY FUTILE PROPAGANDA PPLEMICS?

2. POLISH REP GAVE ELEGANT STATEMENT INCLUDING QUOTATION FROM NEW TESTAMENT CRITICIZING CERTAIN DISCORDANT, POLEMICAL NOTES STRUCK IN EARLIER DEBATE AND CALLING UPON ALL DELS TO CORRECT OWN SOCIETY BEFORE WORRYING ABOUT ALLEGED FAULTS IN OTHERS. HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN REPS REITERATED STANDARD EASTERN BASKET ONE THEMES. FORMER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND LATTER DEFENDED HIS COUNTRY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.

3. TURKISH REP, IN INDIRECT REFERENCE TO CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH PROVOKED NO REACTION, SAID TURKEY ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO PRINCIPLES OF NON-USE OF FORCE AND FULFILLMENT OF INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. WHEN LATTER PRINCIPLE WAS VIOLATED IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA, TURKEY WAS FORCED TO TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES THAT WERE CONSISTENT WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS. FRENCH REP PRESENTED FURTHER REBUTTAL TO WARSAW PACT NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR FORCE AND MILITARY ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP FREEZE PROPOSALS.

4. REMAINDER OF MORNING WAS DEVOTED TO BASKET TWO. SOVIET REP PRAISED ECE WORK ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT AND STRESSED NEED FOR HIGH-LEVEL MULTILATERAL CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT REDUCING EXISTING ACTIVITIES IN ECE AND OTHER BODIES. HE SAID INCREASED EAST-WEST TRADE HAS BOOSTED STRUGGLING WESTERN ECONOMIES AND GIVEN

SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED FIRMS MORE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.
IN INDIRECT REFERENCE TO MFN, HE SAID THAT NONETHELESS
VOLUME OF TRADE IS NOT COMMENSURATE WITH ECONOMIC,
COMMERCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS
SINCE MANY COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET REMOVED OBSTACLES.

5. US INTERVENTION EMPHASIZED THAT BASKET TWO
PROVISIONS CAN ALSO PROVIDE IMPETUS FOR COOPERATION
IN OTHER AREAS. BASKET TWO IS CONCRETE GUIDE BASED
ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THAT ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL
AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH EAST
AND WEST. DESPITE SOME PROGRESS, UNCERTAINTY HAS DIMINISHED
QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE EXPANSION OF COOPERATION
AND EXCHANGE. THROUGH FREE TRADE, US IS DEDICATED
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TO REMOVING BARRIERS, BUT EAST MUST HELP BY PROVIDING
ANSWERS TO WESTERN BUSINESS INQUIRIES AND REQUISITE
INFORMATION. US IS CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS
IN INFORMAL CONTACTS AND COLLABORATION AMONG ACIENTISTS
AND BELIEVES THAT SEQUENTIAL DOCUMENTED REVIEW OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF BASKET TWO PROVISIONS WILL BENEFIT
ALL PARTICIPATING STATES.

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6. NORWEGIAN REP SAID BASKET TWO IMPLEMENTATION
CAN FOSTER STABLE POLITICAL RELATIONS. HE
EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON
ENVIRONMENT UNDER ECE SPONSORSHIP THAT WOULD WORK ON
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTANTS AND CALLED FOR BETTER
ECONOMIC INFORMATION, IMPROVED ACCESS TO END USERS
AND PRACTICAL STEPS TO INCREASE ROLE OF SMALLER FIRMS
IN ORDER TO EXPAND EAST-WEST TRADE.

7. PORTUGUESE REP CALLED FOR BETTER ECONOMIC
INFORMATION AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL FIRMS
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AND CONTACTS BETWEEN BUSINESSMEN. HE ALSO EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN MIGRANT LABOR PROBLEMS AND COOPERATIVE
MEASURES TO EXPAND TOURISM AND PROMISED THAT HIS
DEL WOULD CONSIDER MALTESE WORKING PAPER ON MEDITERRANEAN
CAREFULLY.

8. POLISH, TURKISH, BULGARIAN AND FRENCH INTERVENTIONS
CONTAINED POSITIVE REFERENCES TO SWISS ANNOUNCEMENT
OCTOBER 11 THAT THEY WOULD CONVENE EXPERTS MEETING
TO CONTINUE WORK ON SWISS PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES PROPOSAL IN LUGANO IN FALL 1978.
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